Loss due to Commuter violence in Bombay

1276. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will ıe Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased › state:

(a) what is the estimated loss due to ıe recent commuter violence and acts f destruction ransacking Bombay Subur- an stations besides setting fire to ɔaches;

(b) how many times such violent incid- ats occurred on the Bombay Suburban ıil services; and

(c) what are the major causes for the ruption of commuter violence and what ıeasures have been taken by the Govern- ıent .o check the acts of vandalism and estruction by commuters?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): ı) Loss is estimated at Rs. 1.77 rores (Approx.) from 15-7-1994 to 4-10-1994.

(b) Twelve times during above period.

(c) Derailment, rake defects and other qupiment failures resulting in cancell- tion and late running of suburban trains re the major causes for the eruption of ommuter violence. RPF/GRP presence as been strengthened at stations to heck the acts of vandalism and destruc- ion by commuters. Interaction and co- ordination with State Police Authorities ıave also been intensified for more strin- ent preventive measures.

पटना-गया रेल लाईन का दोहरीकरण

1277. **श्री नागमणि :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार पटना-गया रेल लाइन, जो देश की दो बड़ी लाइनों अर्थात् ग्रैन्ड कर्ड लाइन और दिल्ली हावड़ा लाइन को जोड़ती है, को दोहरा करने के लिए उच्च स्तरीय सरकारी निकायों और जनता की लंबे समय से चली आ रही मांग पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जायेगी; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ़) : (क) से (ग) पूर्व रेलवे द्वारा गया और पटना के बीच दोहरी लाइन बिछाने के लिये एक विस्तृत सवक्षण शुरू किया गया है जो प्रगति पर है। परियोजना पर आगे विचार करना सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो जाने के बाद ही संभव हो सकेगा ।

Construction of road over-bridges in Orissa

1278. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road over-bridge under construction in Orissa with World Bank assistance;

(b) the progress made in the comple- tion of the construction of each of those Road over-bridges;

(c) the steps taken to expedite the construction of those bridges; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) *Nil.*

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Foreign investment for implementing Railway Projects

1279. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought foreign investment for implementing some Railway Projects.

(b) if so, the details of the projects proposed to be implemented with foreign investment;

(c) the amount of external assistance expected to be made available for these projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Radio Communication between Driver, Guard and Station Master

1280. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide radio communication between the train Driver, guard and station master on selected routes.

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by the Ministry.

(c) if so, the date from which the radio communication is expected to be provided; and

(d) the routes identified for the purpose; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) At present the trials are being conducted. On successful completion thereof, the system will be introduced.

(d) and (e) Identification of routes for introduction of the system will depend on the outcome of the trials.

Direct train from National Capital to Gandhinagar (Gujarat)

1281. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Gandhinagar (Gujarat) with the National Capital in the near future;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Adequate services are available between Ahmedabad and Delhi/New Delhi. Introduction of direct train between Gandhinagar and Delhi/New Delhi is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints and lack of traffic.

Introduction of late night train between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam

1282. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a late night train between Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam; and

(b) whether it is fact that there is no direct train after 7.00 p.m. from Hyderabad to the Northern Coastal districts in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Introduction of computerised global enquiry system

1283. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAI Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have planned to introduce a computerised global enquiry system by the end of the current financial year.

(b) if so, the salient features of the system;